

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this Application.

1-79. (Canceled)

80. (Currently amended) An assembly of protected prefinished fiber cement products comprising a plurality of protected prefinished fiber cement articles arranged in a stack, wherein a protected prefinished fiber cement product comprises:

a fiber cement product, a non-adhesive finish layer applied to the fiber cement product, and a removable multilayer protective layer consisting essentially of a separate polyethylene film and ~~an~~ a separate ethylene acrylic acid adhesive layer, said ethylene acrylic acid adhesive layer of said multilayer protective layer adhered to the non-adhesive finish layer ~~by said ethylene acrylic acid adhesive layer~~, wherein

the multilayer protective layer protects the finish layer from damage in storage, transport, and handling,

removing the multilayer protective layer leaves no residue on the non-adhesive finish layer and does not damage the non-adhesive finish layer, and

the multilayer protective layer resists tearing on removal.

81. (Previously presented) The protected prefinished fiber cement product of claim 80, wherein the protective layer is from about 0.0001 inch to about 0.08 inch thick.

82. (Previously presented) The protected prefinished fiber cement product of claim 81, wherein the protective layer is from about 0.0003 inch to about 0.03 inch thick.

83. (Previously presented) The protected prefinished fiber cement product of claim 82, wherein the protective layer is from about 0.001 inch to about 0.01 inch thick.

84. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 80, wherein the protected prefinished fiber cement products are banded together.

85. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 80, wherein the protected prefinished fiber cement products are stacked on a pallet.